

CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently amended) An applicator barrel with a finger grip comprising:

an applicator barrel body having an outer surface; and

a three-dimensional tape connectable to a portion of said outer surface, said tape including a first surface and a second surface opposite said first surface, said first surface having formed thereon at least one integrally formed gripping structure, said second surface being ~~detachably connected to an adhesive backed label~~ connected to an adhesive backed label detachably connected to a release liner.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one gripping structure extends inwardly from said first surface.

4. (Original) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said three-dimensional tape includes a plurality of gripping structures.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Original) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 4, wherein said plurality of gripping structures form a diamond pattern.

7. (Original) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 4, wherein said plurality of gripping structures form a box-diamond combination pattern.

Claims 8-12 (Canceled).

13. (Original) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said tape is formed of polypropylene.

14. (Canceled).

15. (Canceled).

16. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said applicator barrel body is formed from a paper-based layer selected from the group consisting of paper laminate and cardboard.

17. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 16, wherein said paper-based layer includes an outer surface with a coated layer.

18. (Original) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said barrel body is formed of plastic.

Claims 19-22 (Canceled).

23. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said three-dimensional tape is constructed from a polymer selected from the group consisting of copolyester, copolyamide, polyurethane and polyolefin.

Claims 24-47 (Canceled).

48. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one gripping structure extends outwardly from said first surface.

49. (Previously presented) The tampon applicator as recited in claim 4, wherein plurality of gripping structures form a box pattern.

50. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 4, wherein said plurality of gripping structures are arranged along at least one circumferentially row on said first surface.

51. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said at least one gripping structure has a height of approximately 0.003 inch or more from a base of said gripping structure.

52. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said tape has a width that is between approximately 0.5 inch and approximately 1.0 inch.

53. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said body has a circumference, and wherein said tape has a length that is approximately equal to the circumference.

54. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said tape is connected circumferentially around a portion of said outer surface of said barrel.

55. (Currently amended) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said first surface of said tape has ~~an average gripping~~ raised structure density of approximately 900 to 2500 per square inch.

56. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said first surface of said tape has a higher coefficient of friction than said outer surface of said barrel.

57. (Previously presented) The applicator barrel as recited in claim 1, wherein said barrel body has a forward end and a rear end, said tape being connected proximal to the rear end.